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ford College; Engineering, Professor Harold Pender, The Towne Scientific School, U. of Pa.; Law, Professor David Werner Amram, The Law School, U. of Pa.; Medicine, Dr. Charles R. Turner, Dean, The Evans Dental Institute, U. of Pa.; Biology, Professor Spencer Trotter, Swarthmore College; Historical Studies, Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., The Library, U. of Pa.; Architecture, Mr. Leicester Bodine Holland, Department of Architecture, U. of Pa.; Journalism, Mr. Fullerton L. Waldo, Associate Editor, The Public Ledger; Theology, Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, The Chapel of the Mediator; Education, Professor Frank P. Graves, The School of Education, U. of Pa.; The College Curriculum, President M. Carey Thomas, Bryn Mawr College.

This was one of the most successful meetings of the Society in respect to attendance, and one of the most inspiring in regard to subjects presented. Houston Hall was filled almost to its capacity, and with an audience not entirely composed of classicists, as too often happens.

Provost Edgar Fahs Smith, who had expected to preside, Professor Pender, and Professor Graves were unable to be present, owing to pressure of work.

All the speakers bore witness to the value of the Classics in their own fields, both for their disciplinary value and for their content.

President Comfort and President Thomas both said that the students in Modern Languages who did the best work were those who had had Latin or Greek. President Thomas expressed the hope that here in the East, at least, we should be able to hand down to the next generation the College curricula, improved, but unimpaired.

Professor Amram said that a lawyer needs Latin, not only on account of the Latin terms still used in law, but because the Roman law is the foundation of our own, and for the understanding of this translations were inadequate. A lawyer needs, also, a wide culture, an ability to use English such as can be gained only from a training in Latin. He said humorously that the West had become so democratic as to expect a lawyer to understand neither Latin nor law.

Professor Trotter spoke of Latin scientific names, which mean much more to a student who understands the story told by those names.

The Reverend Mr. Osgood expressed an idea new to many, that classical literature is, for us, the Old Testament, of which the New is the fulfillment; that our conception of Christianity is based on Greek and Roman philosophy, not on the Hebrew. On this account the student of divinity must have a classical training.

To Professor G. D. Hadzsits, of the University of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Program Committee, belongs the credit for the success of this meeting. He is making arrangements for having the program, in whole, or in part, repeated before the Contemporary Club, of this city. Such publicity given to the opinions of eminent men cannot fail to have its effect on the public.

At the December meeting of the Society addresses will be delivered on the theme, Cultural Studies and Citizenship; at a meeting to be held in January or February, Educational Reconstruction will be discussed. The annual meeting will be held in March.

The officers of the Society for the current year are, President, W. W. Comfort, Haverford College; Vice-President, George Depue Hadzsits, University of Pennsylvania; Secretary, Bessie R. Burchett, South Philadelphia High School for Girls; Treasurer, Fred J. Doolittle, The Episcopal Academy.

BESSIE R. BURCHETT, *Secretary*.

LATIN AND MEDICINE

The readers of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY may be interested, as I was, in the reasons given by W. A. Bastedo, Ph.G., M.D., in his *Materia Medica* (1915), page 541, for the use of Latin in prescriptions:

(1) Latin is a universal language, and so is readable anywhere.

(2) It is a dead language, and so is not subject to change.

(3) It is the language of science, and so is explicit, and not ambiguous. In the names of plant-drugs, for example, *Aristolochia serpentaria* always stands for the same plant wherever it is grown, while its English synonym, snakeweed, is applied to different plants in different localities.

(4) It may be advisable to keep from the patient the nature of the drug. Patients have many preconceptions and prejudices regarding drugs. One patient assures the doctor that he is always made ill by calomel or phenacetin, yet obtains great benefit from a prescription for *hydrargyri chloridum mite* or *acetphenetidin*.

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PASSERES

Noctem soletis gutturo garrulo
lentam fugare ac somnia pellerē
dulcis quietis, solis albi
dum iubar incipit emicare.

Qui pipiat, praetrepidans genus,
laete vagantes et struitis domos
parvas renidentesque, avete,
turba sonans per amena rura.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

EUGENE J. STRITTMATTER¹.

He came and took me by the hand
Up to a red rose tree,
He kept His meaning to Himself
But gave a rose to me.

I did not pray Him to lay bare
The mystery to me,
Enough, the rose was Heaven to smell,
And His own face to see.

RALPH HODGSON.

εὐφραίνων ἐμέ καὶ λαβῶν
χειρὸς ἡγέ μ' ἐν' ἀνθεα
συλλέξῃ, ῥόδα καὶ κρίνα·
σιωπῶν δὲ θαλλὸν ἐμοί
δῶκε καὶ καλὸν ἄνθος· σι—
γῶντα δ' αὐτὸν ἀποβλέπουσα
ἤσθην· ἀλλὰ θαῦμα παρῆν—
ὥς πᾶς ὁ λειριβεῖς
ῥόδα κρίνα τε φέρων παράδει--
σος πικρὰντος ἔρωτος.

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